

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Why don't I just wait for closing then.

SENATOR LAMB: The next speaker is Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler to address the Hoagland-Johnson amendment, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to oppose the amendment, the Hall amendment, or support it with the Hoagland-Johnson amendment. Let me tell you why I think there is a distinction between prejudgment and postjudgment interest. When you're talking about prejudgment interest you don't know what it is you're going to have to pay. When you're talking about postjudgment interest, once the judgment is entered you know how much the judgment is and you can pay it immediately. You can make immediate payment and avoid all interest whatsoever which is exactly what you should do and the interest rate should be high to encourage you to make the payment that you should be making immediately. So I don't think that it is the same situation as prejudgment interest and I think that it makes sense to have a distinction between postjudgment interest which you know and can pay and can avoid all the interest immediately and prejudgment interest which is a completely different case where you don't know exactly what it is until the judgment is entered. So it makes sense to have a higher rate of interest postjudgment and a lower of interest prejudgment and I hope that distinction makes sense to you. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. First I have to address Senator Haberman's remarks, you can't get the Omaha delegation to agree, Senator Haberman, I can't tell you how many times I've been between a rock and a hard place because I couldn't see where you agricultural senators would agree or even rural senators. So I guess it's a healthy sign that we don't always all agree. Of course all of the Omaha delegation are not attorneys. Would Senator Hall yield to a question or two, please?

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Hall, LB 98...